

Appl. No.: 10/718,230

Amdt. Dated February 1, 2006

Response to Office Action Mailed December 2, 2005

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application. In the amendments above, claims 1 and 3 have been amended, and claims 2 and 5 have been cancelled. Claim 4 is presented without any amendment.

The rejections under Section 103(a) are traversed. Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly and specifically describe the discriminative feature of the present invention, wherein the claimed apparatus distinguishes a reflection light image of the reflector from a light image other than the reflection light image. This discriminative feature recited in amended Claim 1 is neither disclosed in nor suggested by the cited references, taken separately or in combination. It is therefore respectfully submitted that there has not been established a prima facie case of obviousness, based on the criteria of some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to combine or modify the references; a reasonable expectation of success; and the prior art teaching or suggesting of all of the claimed limitations.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) for any necessary extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), which are hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. This reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of the final action.

The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application, or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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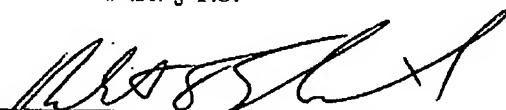
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